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1. Chronotechna National Corporation in Sternberk (P50/N86) employs about 600 workers, mostly women. Since the summer of 1950 work has been done in three shifts in most of the shops because of the pressure of orders for the Czech army. During 1950 the plant manager and the head of the lathe section were dismissed for their anti-Communist tendencies and the lathe section was placed under military control. In this section artillery ammunition (minutky) is being produced at a rate of 1,000 pieces per day.
2. The main production hall is a three-story building. The lathe section is on the first floor; it is about 100 m by 30 m in area and employs about 40 workers. Men operate seven or more lathes apiece; women operate six or seven lathes. In addition to the military production, this section manufactures parts for alarm clocks and for measurement and optical equipment for such firms as Heopta, Skoda and Zbrojovka Brno. Equipment in this section includes:
  - 5 automatic lathes, type Tornos M 10
  - 80 automatic lathes, type Tornos M 7
  - 12 automatic lathes, type Tornos M 4
  - 1 lathe for general repairs
  - 20-30 machines, type Index
  - 1 cutter for manufacturing lathe cutters
  - 3 grinders
3. The press shop about 50 m by 20 m in area, is located on the first floor of the production hall. It employs about 50 men and 7 women. Work is done in two shifts. About 30 electric presses are used for pressing parts of alarm clocks and other items. About 20 men and 7 women are employed in a small shop in nickel-, tin- and chrome-plating and polishing. This shop has about six baths. Almost the entire second floor of the building is occupied by the tool repair shop, which employs about 25 men and 15 women.

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The shop has about 20 lathes and produces tools for all the branch plants of Chronotechna. The third floor is occupied by the assembly section, where about 30 women assemble alarm clocks and other items produced by the plant.

4. On the third floor of the Chronor plant in Sternberk special bomb fuse mechanisms are being secretly produced.\*

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Comment: It is believed that this report

refers to the assembly

section of Chronotechna.

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